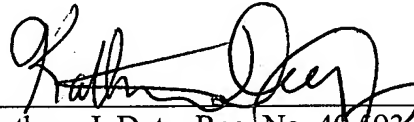


**REMARKS**

Applicants request the entry of this Preliminary Amendment A prior to the first Office action on the merits of the application. Claims 1 - 13 have been canceled and new Claims 14 - 17 has been added by this Amendment. Support for new claims 14 - 17 can be found, for example, at pages 8 - 16 of the specification. Entry of this amendment prior to calculation of the fee due is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn J. Doty', is written over a horizontal line.

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